

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend as follows:

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A The present application claims priority to provisional patent application entitled, "Intrusion Detection Fusion System of a Network Security System," filed on April 28, 2000 and assigned U.S. Application Serial Number 60/200,316. The present application is also related to non-provisional application entitled, "System and Method for Managing Security Events on a Network," (Attorney Docket No. 05456-105005) filed on April 27, 2001 and assigned U.S. Application Serial Number 09/844,448.

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A Referring now to Figure 2, the computer architecture for one exemplary embodiment of the present invention will be described. Figure 2 illustrates the System 20 for managing security information collected from one or more data sources. The security system 20 can comprise a fusion engine 22 that is linked to an event collector 24. The event collector 24 can comprise an event sink or device that can organize events received from multiple data sources in a logical manner. Further details of the event collector 24 are described in a related application entitled, "System and Method for Managing Security Events on a Network," (Attorney Docket No. 05456-105005) filed on April 27, 2001 and assigned U.S. Application Serial Number 09/844,448, the contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

In the Claims

A<sup>3</sup> 9. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying relationships between two or more raw events further comprises the steps of: